number of days is a month). Wherever five days week is in vogue, the daily wages may be calculated with reference to the monthly wages by dividing the monthly wage by 22.

(b) to (d) The minimum wages are revised by the Government of NCT of Delhi twice a year in February and August by adding dearness allowance on the basis of the rise in Consumer Price Index Number. The minimum wages were last revised with effect from 1.8.2002 vide order dated 30.10.2002.

Regularisation of Hindi Officers

*440. SHRIKAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL/BSNL has not yet regularised the Hindi Officers working for the last ten to twelve years; and

(b) when the cadre of Hindi Officers was reviewed last, so that only departmental candidates are posted as Directors?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was no post of Director (Official Language) in the field units prior to or after the formation of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited/ MahanagarTelephone Nigam Limited. Further, there were only two grades in the Official Language Services, *i.e.* Assistant Director (Official Language) and Deputy Director (Official Language) and the cadre of Assistant Director (Official Language) and Deputy Director (Official Language) is not an Organised Service. Therefore, as per existing guidelines, no such review has been carried out at any stage.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Benefits of PMRY

†2979.SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH:
DR.PRABHATHAKUR:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

†Origina! notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government are aware that during the two days workshop of India Habitat Forum conducted in October this year, unhappiness has been expressed over the issue that common people are not getting the benefit of the Pradhan Mantri RojgarYojana;

(b) If so, the details of the implementation minitoring system of the Pradhan Mantri RojgarYojana alongwith the details of the people getting benefit of this scheme, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(c) what new efforts are being made by Government to ensure that the general public may get benefits of the scheme in a better way?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Some of the parameters of the PMRY Scheme with respect to age, educational qualification, activities covered, annual family income, residency criteria for the married women, collateral for projects under industry sector etc. have been made liberal so that the benefits of the Scheme reach to the common man in a more effective way.

Cottage industries in Nagaland

2980. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for development of cottage industries in Nagaland and other States of the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) and (b) Rural Industries including cottage industries are promoted under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) in the entire country including the North Eastern Region which includes